

motion of Mr. Quinan, was made the special order for Tuesday the 6th December, inst.

A bill for the relief of Ephraim McLean. Read 2nd time, and on motion of Mr. Quinan, laid on the table.

The following bills were severally read 3rd time and passed:

A bill to amend the 6th and 7th sections of an act entitled an act regulating sequestrations, approved March 15th, 1848.

A bill to amend the 4th section of the act of May 12th, 1846, entitled an act to regulate the license and practice of Attorneys and Counsellors at law.

Report of the Judiciary committee, on a bill for the relief of the heirs of A. D. Duncan, offering a substitute. Read, substitute adopted and ordered to be engrossed.

Reports of majority and minority of the committee on Private Land Claims, on the petition of the heirs of John Grogan, presenting a bill for their relief. Bill read 2nd time.

Mr. Guinn moved to strike out "1920 acres" and insert "960 acres." Lost.

Mr. Guinn moved to strike out the headright certificate for "one-third of a league" upon which the yeas and nays were called and stood as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Guinn, Harman, Hart, Lott, Rainey, Sims and Walker—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Britton, Chambers, Dickinson, Duggan, Erath, Fall, Gentry, Grimes, Herbert, Hyde, Martin, Parsons, Paschal, Pitts, Potter, Quinan, Rains, Scarborough, Schleicher, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Townes, Wallace and Whaley—24.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Martin, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

FRIDAY, December 2nd, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate, that the House had passed a bill, to incorporate the Houston Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, and Liberty Fire Company No. 2, of the city of Houston.

Mr. Fall, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following bills correctly engrossed:

A bill to validate Headright Certificates, issued by the Su-

preme and District courts, and to authorize the issuance of patents thereon.

A bill to amend the sixth section of an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Henderson in Rusk county, approved February 12th, 1852.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of John Grogan.

Mr. Throckmorton, chairman of the joint committee on the Court of Claims, made the following report :

The joint committee on the Court of Claims, to whom was referred a resolution of the Senate, and one from the House, requiring the committee to consider and report a bill to provide for patenting genuine certificates not presented to the Court of Claims for approval and registry within the time prescribed by law. And also to provide for the issuance of duplicate and unlocated balance certificates, have with much care and attention considered the same. The committee find quite a number of headright certificates did not reach the Court of Claims, before the expiration of the law, and when the same are good there can be no reason why they should not be patented. The bill herewith reported provides that the Commissioners of the General Land Office, shall be required to patent all headrights, when from the evidence in his office he finds the same to be genuine and valid. It leaves bounty claims and donation warrants to be approved by the Comptroller or Court of Claims, and transfers to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the duty of issuing duplicate headright and unlocated balance certificates.

It is absolutely necessary for the protection of the rights of parties, and for the speedy settlement of such rights, that the bill reported should be passed. The committee would recommend early action on the bill.

A bill to provide for patenting headright certificates not presented to the Court of Claims, for approval within the time prescribed by law, and for issuing duplicate headrights and unlocated balance certificates. Read 1st time.

On motion of Throckmorton, rule suspended, read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule further suspended, and on motion of Mr. Potter, made the special order for Monday the 5th inst.

Mr. Hyde, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, made the following report :

The committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred a bill for the relief of the heirs of Nelson Soules, beg leave to report that they find from the proof and vouchers, that an unconditional certificate for 640 acres of land was issued to the heirs of

said Soules, by the Board of Land Commissioners for Travis county, on the 21st of November, 1853, No. 143 3rd class, and that said certificate is still outstanding and unlocated, that it was passed into the hands of an Agent by said heirs, who neglected to locate it, or to inform them of his failure so to do until the time for presenting the same to the Court of claims had expired. They therefore believe the said heirs are entitled to the relief sought in the bill, but as it is not in the form usually adopted in such cases, they beg leave to report a substitute bill, and recommend its passage by the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Parsons, Mr. Townes was added to the committee on Apportionment.

Mr. Erath introduced a bill to incorporate the Salado College in Bell county. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Britton moved that the Senate go into committee of the whole, on the bill for the protection of the frontier, which was lost by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Britton, Erath, Gentry, Hyde, Lott, Martin, Paschal, Potter, Quinan, Scarborough, Schleicher, Throckmorton, Townes, Walker and Wigfall—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Chambers, Dickinson, Daggan, Fall, Grimes, Guinn, Hart, Parsons, Pitts, Rains, Rainey, Shepard, Sims, Wallace and Whaley—15.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, December 3rd, 1859.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Schleicher presented the petition of sundry citizens of Uvalde county. Referred to the committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Mr. Throckmorton presented the petition of the County court of Collin county. Referred to the committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Mr. Stockdale, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported "a bill to empower the Mayor, Aldermen and inhabitants of the city of Galveston, to issue bonds for the construction of a bridge from the Island of Galveston to the main land, in aid